

**Virginia OEMS
Communications Committee
Quarterly Meeting
Marriott Waterside Hotel
Norfolk, VA
Nov 10th, 2006
6:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Members: Gary Critzer; Ken Crumpler; Emily Totten; Bob Bruch, **Guests:** Chris Essid; Pokey Harris; Karen Wagner.

Via Teleconference-**Members:** Richard Rubino

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Call to Order – Gary Critzer	Committee Chair, Gary Critzer called the meeting to order. Mr. Critzer announced all committee members should have received the minutes from the previous meeting and called for any discussion on the minutes as presented, hearing none the request was made to approve the minutes as delivered. Mr. Critzer welcomed Ms. Harris to the meeting announcing she is a new appointment to the State EMS Advisory Board and will be assigned to the Communications Committee. Mr. Critzer welcomed Mr. Essid from the State Interoperability Office and announced he would be speaking later in the meeting.	A motion was made by Mr. Rubino to accept the minutes as delivered, Mr. Bruch seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes with no further discussion
Committee Chair report – Gary Critzer	Mr. Critzer congratulated Mr. Crumpler on a successful Communications Track at this years Symposium. Mr. Critzer stated he had no further items on his report.	
OEMS Communications Coordinators report – Ken Crumpler	Mr. Crumpler thanked all involved, especially the Comms Committee for the work they did to work with the office in putting it together. Mr. Crumpler announced the Virginia EMS Communications Directory should be completed by the next Communications Committee Meeting. He thanked Mr. Essid & Ms. Harris with their agencies assistance. Reported attendance to the STARS meeting with no new information to report. Reported attendance to the Interoperability conference and supports the efforts made there. Mr. Bruch offered assistance in proofing the final copy of the Communications Directory. Mr. Crumpler stated that would be appreciated. Mr. Critzer stated his desire to have it automatically edited/updated on-line by the PSAP's. Mr. Rubino questioned how secure the information on line would be and what steps could be made to insure that only designated parties could get this information. Mr. Critzer stated that EMS agencies had secure on-line access and may be added to PSAP's to insure. Mr. Rubino had to leave the conference call then due to being on duty at his local EMS agency. Mr. Bruch recommended multiple channels for gaining access. Discussion was had regarding all information was available through FOIA.	
Old business -	Mr. Critzer reports the communications regulation with language added to reflect interoperable communications went through Regulations & Policy without issue, it is underway through the NORA process. Estimates 12-14 months for finalization.	

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New Business -	<p>Mr. Critzer announces Hanover Co. application for OEMS PSAP Accreditation. The application was reviewed by Mr. Crumpler and Mr. Critzer with no further questions as all criteria has been met. Mr. Crumpler stated a letter of endorsement from the Hanover Co. OMD was added with the application packet and there had been very good communications between Hanover CO. & OEMS.</p> <p>Ms. Harris discussed the cooperative efforts between VITA Public Safety & Va. OEMS for educational efforts in southwest Virginia. Mr. Critzer and Mr. Crumpler assured Ms. Harris of OEMS and the Communication Committees support of these programs and further discussion to assist in this effort. Ms. Harris stated this will probably occur in all the VITA Public Safety Regions.</p> <p>Mr. Essid provided the committee a brief presentation on the status, structure, efforts and successes of the Virginia Interoperability Office. Common language protocols were discussed and the latest copy of the Virginia Strategic Plan was provided to all committee members. Mr. Critzer recommended building a stronger relationship to foster interoperability in Virginia. Ms. Wagner requested representation from the Virginia Assoc. of Vol. Rescue Squads be involved in the State Interoperability Advisory Group. Mr. Essid welcomed that and requested a primary and alternate be appointed from VAVRS and that info be forwarded to him. Mr. Essid added that adoption of Common Language Protocols would be required for consideration of grant funding from State Interoperability Office.</p> <p>Ms. Wagner presented to Mr. Essid a letter of support from the Virginia Assoc. of Vol. Rescue Squads regarding the Common Language Protocols put forth by the State Interoperability Office.</p>	<p>A motion was made by Ms. Totten to approve the Hanover application as submitted. Mr. Bruch seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve the application with no further discussion. The application will be presented to the full advisory board in Feb 07 for its approval.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENT	None	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.	